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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Rent Increases

GOVERNMENT will do well to ponder the wisdom of its proposals to increase rents before it brings them before the Legislative Council for approval. The intended revision of rents is, we appreciate, fulfilment of a promise made at the last budget debate, but its implementation at this time still requires justification, and that is not so easy to discover.

Our chief objection is to a hike of rents for domestic premises. The argument runs that owners of shops and other pie-war property are not receiving a fair return in rents compared with landlords who have built houses and flats since the war and who are not subject to the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance. It is a yardstick one hesitates to accept, inasmuch as it ignores a number of other considerations.

By and large landlords are not hardly treated by the existing terms of the rent control Ordinance. And certainly economic conditions today require the average Hongkong tenant to enjoy continued protection. General living costs remain high, and for those white collar workers whose incomes are fixed and who have to meet a standard rent around \$100 a month, a further 45 per cent increase will hit them quite severely.

Mr John McNeill last week very properly drew attention to some of the benefits which the poorer class tenants have derived from previous amendments to the Ordinance and showed that in many cases where the true standard rent had been officially ascertained, tenants actually had their rents reduced. It is a point well made, but it is not all the story. It must be remembered that thousands of people since the war have had to pay key money and other types of premium in order to obtain living accommodation; thousands of others have had to do rehabilitation work at their own expense. Many landlords have kept their property at sub-standard level despite receiving a 50 per cent increase on standard rents.

Government's desire to keep faith with property owners is in itself not unpraiseworthy, but it does appear to ignore the basic principle affecting the general public should serve the purpose of doing the greatest good for the greatest number. And there is nothing to show that Government has paid any attention to that important factor—ability to pay.

IF the proposed rent adjustments are brought into effect an all-round demand for wages increases can be anticipated, and this will certainly not be appreciated by employers of labour. The likelihood is that such demands would be resisted, forcing the lower and middle bracket wage earners to cut down on living essentials in order to be able to pay higher rents.

It would be a splendid thing, of course, if conditions could be brought about that would permit legislation governing landlord-tenant relations to be scrapped. Such a situation cannot be visualised for a long time to come, and the tenant therefore must continue to be fairly and adequately protected both as regards his tenancy and his rent.

We believe that a much deeper investigation should be made by Government into the economic capacity of the Colony's inhabitants affected by rent increases before these are sanctioned by legislative action.

TYPHOON'S BIG DEATH TOLL

PEKING RADIO SAYS 1,960 KILLED AND 1,200 INJURED

38,000 HOMES DESTROYED

Paris, Aug. 6.

Radio Peking, quoting official but incomplete data, said 1,960 people were killed and 1,200 injured by typhoon "Wanda" — the worst Pacific typhoon to hit China in the last 50 years.

The radio added 38,000 houses were destroyed. Full-scale relief for typhoon victims and immediate restoration of production would be launched by the Chekiang Provincial People's Council, it said.

A 30 per cent loss was caused to 2,000 hectares of rice and 40 per cent to 8,000 hectares of growing cotton. It admitted that the loss of mulberry and fruit trees was "great."

Radio Peking also revealed that the flood situation in the Hsueh River's tributaries was "fairly tense" following heavy rains brought on by typhoon Wanda last week.

The main course of the Hsueh River is, in general, above the warning mark but below the danger mark.

Rivers Under Control
Peking Radio claimed that all the main rivers of China were under control at present. The Yellow River was recording a

maximum flow of 7,500 cubic metres per second—only half of the 1954 flow of 15,000 cubic metres.

According to the broadcast, the Yangtze River remained below the warning mark and Chekiang's coastal rivers have returned to normal.

In North China, 1,000,000 people were fighting high water in the Haiho River system, strengthening and raising the dyke systems. Along a northern tributary of the Tzuyu River and along local rivers connected with the South Grand Canal, the flow had surpassed the heaviest past record, the radio disclosed.

In the north-east, the two water crests caused by last month's rainfall along the

Upper Sungari River and its tributary, the Nenkiang River, had entered the main course of the river.

Harbin Threatened
The radio said they were flowing one after the other toward the industrial city of Harbin a little downstream.

Quoting the Central Flood Prevention headquarters, the radio estimated that in two days' time, the level at Harbin would rise above the highest level record in 1953.

River fighters in and near Harbin have been preparing since the headquarters issued their forecast about the oncoming of the water crests two weeks ago.—France-Press.

Heavy Rain Adds 661 Million Gallons To Colony's Reservoirs

As a result of the welcome rains over the holiday weekend, the Colony's reservoirs are rather more than half full.

Up to 8 o'clock this morning, the reservoirs gained 661 million gallons, bringing to 3,390 million gallons the total amount of water now in store.

Of this amount, 637 million gallons flowed into the reservoirs during the 24 hours ended at 8 a.m. today. A yield of 106 million gallons was recorded for the previous 24 hours.

The intake for the 24-hour period ended at 8 a.m. on Sunday was 21 million gallons. Consumption for the three days amounted to 103 million gallons.

The following are the Water Authority's figures for the weekend:
Sunday—at 8 a.m.—total storage 2,712 million gallons, consumption 38 million gallons, yield 21 million gallons—a loss of 17 million gallons.
Monday—at 8 a.m.—total storage 2,789 million gallons,

consumption 33 million gallons, yield 106 million gallons—a gain of 73 million gallons.

Tuesday—at 8 a.m.—total storage 3,390 million gallons, consumption 32 million gallons, yield 637 million gallons—a gain of 605 million gallons.

In the three-day period, 7.79 inches of rain was registered by the Water Authority at Tiatum, 5.78 inches at Aberdeen, 5.08 inches at Pokfulam and 6.78 inches at Shing Mun, in the New Territories.

August Bank Holiday Weather As Mad As The March Hare

London, Aug. 6.

Britain had its worst August weather in ten years today.

A belt of storms across Southern England drenched thousands of people who had gone to the country or seashore for August Bank Holiday.

The rain soaked the Queen and Princess Margaret while they were in Windsor Great Park.

Coldest Since 1880

Lightning struck houses in London and an airliner returning at London airport and damaged a 33,000-volt cable supplying the Isle of Wight—leaving the Western half of the island blacked out.

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Britain's highest temperature was 67. At Kew Observatory, it was the coldest August

Bank Holiday since 1880.—United Press.

11 Deaths In US

Chicago, Aug. 6.
Savage storms claimed at least 11 lives in the east and mid-west and caused \$2 million damages in Cleveland, Ohio, during the weekend.

There were six deaths in Pennsylvania, four in Ohio and one in Illinois.

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Flood waters from a rain-swollen creek drove hundreds of families from their homes today in Carnegie and Canonsburg, Pennsylvania. Water ran eight feet deep in some sections.

Heavy Damage

Damage in the two towns and other western Pennsylvania communities hit by a series of violent storms on Sunday was expected to reach millions of dollars.

In Iowa, a wind storm sliced through at least five counties today, damaging utility lines, buildings and crops.—United Press.

Hurdler Becomes Marquis

London, Aug. 6.
Lord Burghley, winner for Britain of the 400-metres hurdles event at the 1928 Olympic Games held in Amsterdam, today succeeded to the title of Marquis of Exeter.

He will be the sixth Marquis of Exeter. He is 51.—France-Press.

Gaza Shooting

Jerusalem, Aug. 6.
An Israeli military spokesman said tonight that armed Egyptian forces had opened automatic fire on an Israeli outpost in the Gaza Strip. The outpost returned the fire and suffered no casualties, he said.—Reuter.

New Indian State

New Delhi, Aug. 6.
India's ruling Congress Party decided tonight to form a new state of Bombay, with both Marathi and Gujarati-speaking people and including Bombay city.—Reuter.

RUSSIA, EGYPT MAY DEMAND CHANGED PANAMA STATUS

London, Aug. 6.

Diplomats reported serious Western concern today that Egypt and Russia may try to sabotage the 24-nation Suez conference by demanding that it discuss internationalisation of the Panama Canal.

The United States and Britain were reported seriously worried that these two key nations, still uncommitted about the August 10 London talks, would attach such a crippling condition to attending.

Nothing emerged from last week's Big Three talks to indicate how the United States would react to such a proposal. But outright rejection could be expected.

It was the United States which built the Panama Canal, and it in the United States which today controls, administers and guards the waterway.

More To Come

Western diplomats suggested Egypt would welcome more Arab participants in the talks and Russia would want Communist China and more from the Iron Curtain. Among the 24 nations already invited, they alone represent the Arab and Communist blocs.

British officials attached much more significance late today to the issue of "broadening" the London conference than to last night's declaration from Baghdad that Iraq, Britain's best friend among the Arab nations, would

support Egypt on the nationalisation of the Suez Canal. Informed sources interpreted the Iraqi Premier Nouri El Said's

NOW MENZIES WILL RETURN TO LONDON

Washington, Aug. 6.
The Australian Prime Minister, Mr R. G. Menzies, decided tonight to return to London by air on Thursday because of the Suez Canal crisis.

An Australian spokesman said Mr Menzies, after a long consultation with his own Cabinet in Canberra and the British Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden, had determined that Australia should be represented by himself in London.—Reuter.

move as an attempt to bolster his position and cool off growing anti-Western sentiment.

EGYPTIAN REPLY STILL AWAITED

London, Aug. 6.

The President of the Arab League, Abdel Khallak Hassouna, was quoted by Cairo Radio tonight as saying "Egypt refuses to attend the conference that will be held in London" on the Suez problem.

"It is obvious that the results of this conference would be against Egypt because they have already agreed on using force if a peaceful solution cannot be attained," he was said to have told a Press conference.

But according to Cairo cables Colonel Nasser has not yet made any official announcement. He called an extraordinary Cabinet meeting tonight to discuss Suez Canal developments and Egypt's reply to the London invitation to the international conference.

No Statement

He first conferred with his Foreign Minister, Dr. Mahmoud Fawzy, but both declined to make any statement afterwards. The Minister of Education, Major Kamal El Din Hussein, was tonight launching a big campaign for Egyptian University Teachers and students.

Egyptian newspapers reported from Damascus today that Syrian petroleum workers at Deir El Zour had threatened to bar the flow of oil by pipeline across Syria in the event of any action against Egypt by "imperialistic powers."

Workers at Haman, central Syria, had already threatened to destroy oil installations if the West should attack Egypt.

Threat To Oil

A Syrian Government spokesman was quoted as saying no official consideration was being given to barring the flow of oil, but left-wing newspapers are demanding such a move if any step is taken against Egypt. Egyptian reports claimed that National Guard camps had already received offers by more

than one million young men between 25 and 35 to bear arms. The new recruits were being formed into security battalions or "nationalisation battalions," which would be in addition to the 50,000 National Guardsmen already fully trained and equipped.

The British Ambassador, Sir Humphrey Trevelyan, today called on the Egyptian Ambassador, Mr Aly Javar Aung, to discuss Suez. This was one exchange in a bustle of diplomatic activity here.

Gaafar El Din El Hammamy, General Manager of the Egyptian-sponsored Middle East News Agency, wrote today that the proposed London conference on internationalising the canal "is indeed a conference of aggression, not of peace."

His article is seen by observers in Cairo as reflecting the views of Egyptian leaders on the Suez issue.

War Danger

In Colombo, the Prime Minister, Mr Solomon Bandaranaike, said that if the nations sponsoring the Suez Canal meeting and Egypt stood by their opposing viewpoints "there would be no alternative but to provoke war." He added in a statement to the press: "If this is the correct position then it is not very clear whether our participation in the proposed conference would serve any useful purpose."

Mr Bandaranaike said that for this reason he had sought clarification of the scope and objects of the proposed 24-nation London conference. "I am still awaiting a reply before finally deciding whether to participate in the proposed conference or not," he said.

Compromise

"Egypt's right to nationalise the Canal Company can scarcely be disputed, nor, on the other hand, the need for satisfactory guarantees for the international use of this important highway."

"It may be possible to reconcile these two needs without insistence on international control of the Suez Canal."

"If there is such insistence it may hardly be possible to arrive at any peaceful solution without resort to force."

Mr Bandaranaike added that he was in touch with all the Colombo powers, except Burma which had not been invited. "The other Colombo powers are India, Indonesia and Pakistan.—Reuter.

US Fleet Exercise

Washington, Aug. 6.
The United States Navy announced today that the Sixth

Big Reward For Indian Terrorist Leader

Iphoh, Aug. 6.

The Federation of Malaya Government today announced a \$M12,000 alive and \$M10,000 dead reward for Perumal, highest ranking Indian Communist terrorist in the Federation.

Perumal holds the rank of District Committee member in the Malayan Communist Party and is head of a unit composed of Indian terrorists attached to the 32nd platoon of the Fifth Independent regiment of the terrorist forces.

English-educated Perumal went underground at the break of the emergency in the notorious Sungai Siput area of Perak.

He is described as being the highest ranked among the 90 to 100 Indian terrorists now operating in the Federation.

He is aged about thirty now. He does not have any say with regard to the Indian terrorists in the Johore and Negri Sembilan areas.

31 WANTED

The Government also announced a reward of \$M2,000 alive and \$1,500 dead for his mistress, Rukumani, aged 21.

She went underground only two years ago. She is a pretty girl and was a rubber tapper in the Sungai Siput area before she joined Perumal.

Both Perumal and Rukumani are among 31 terrorist bosses and rank and file members operating in the north Perak area for whom the Government announced a total reward of \$M112,000 for information leading either to their capture or surrender and \$M87,000 for information that could lead to their justifiable death at the hands of security forces.—Reuter.

Objections To Formosa Delegate At UN

New York, Aug. 6.

India, Burma and the Soviet Union today objected in the Trusteeship Council to the United Nations' approval of the credentials of the Nationalist Chinese delegate on the grounds that he did not represent the Chinese people.

The council had before it the report of the Secretary General Mr Dag Hammarskjold on the credentials of the members.

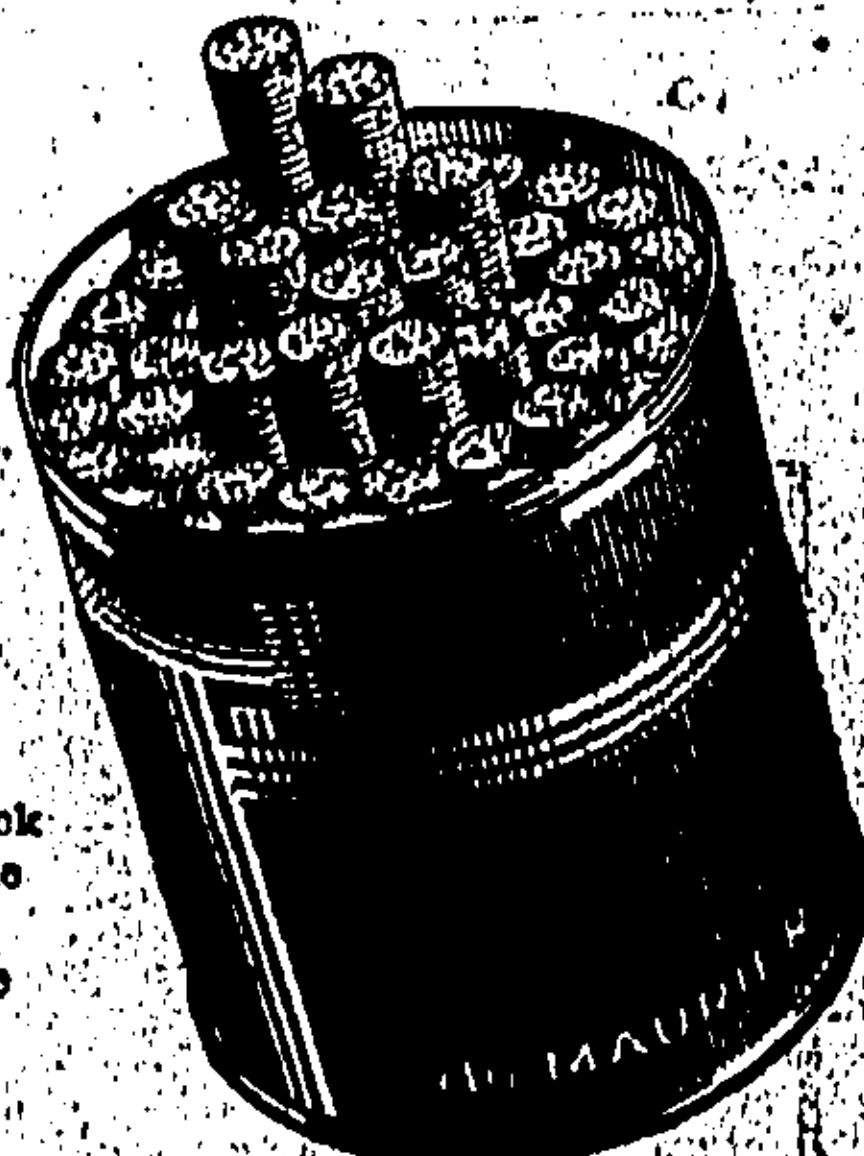
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1,500 REGULAR CHINESE TROOPS SAID TO BE IN BURMA

Rangoon, Aug. 6.

The Rangoon newspaper Nation reported today that the Communist Chinese have at least 1,500 regular troops stationed in permanent garrisons on Burmese soil.

The newspaper, which broke the first word last week that the Reds had crossed the Sino-Burmese border in northeast Burma, said the troops are entrenched in bunkers and permanent buildings.

The newspaper pin-pointed at least eight Red army outposts from Muthu south to Songmum. It said they are manned with from 50 to 300 troops each.

The Burmese Government last week admitted Red troops were on Burmese soil and said it regarded the affair as "serious." But the Government said there was no cause for immediate alarm and that it was negotiating the issue with China.

Gout Admission

Radio Peking also admitted Red troops were in the area but it said they merely were border guards. It justified them on the grounds that the Sino-Burmese border is poorly defined.

But the newspaper charged that the Chinese troops have taken control of 1,000 square miles of the Wa State, home of Burma's fierce head-hunting tribes.

It said the outposts are coordinated by a master-commander on the brigade level located at Mongtum and functioning under an area commander.

The Red troops are equipped with small arms up to light machine guns, but have used no mortars or artillery in clashes with Burmese border guards so far, the newspaper reported.

Patrol Action

It said Burmese troops are positioned only a few hundred yards away from the Chinese garrisons but have limited their action to patrols.

Burmese army troops have been ordered not to attack the Reds, while negotiations are going on, but to fight back if they are attacked according to the newspaper.—United Press.

Anglo-Indian Oil Deal

New Delhi, Aug. 6.

The Indian Government has reached agreement with the British-owned Assam Oil Company to explore oil areas in the north-eastern state of Assam. It was announced today.

Minister of Natural Resources K. D. Malaviya told Parliament that negotiations with the Assam Oil Company were still going on.

"No formal agreement has yet been reached regarding the production and refining of oil from the newly-found oil deposits," he said.

He said that a 1.5 million-ton capacity refinery soon will be constructed in the West Bengal capital of Calcutta near Assam.—United Press.

China Students Going Abroad

Paris, Aug. 6.

Radio Peking announced that 2,100 students are leaving China to study abroad shortly. Eighty-five per cent of the students will go to the Soviet Union, according to the broadcast. The rest will study in Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Bulgaria, Rumania, East Germany and other countries.

The radio added that 520 going to the Soviet Union are research students, which is more than double the number last year.—France-Press.

MAMMOTH TUSK FOUND

Prague, Aug. 6.

Workers digging foundations unearthed a mammoth's tusk more than six-and-a-quarter feet long at Usti nad Labem, Western Czechoslovakia, the Prague newspaper Lidova Demokracie reported.

The thigh bone and jaw of a rhinoceros were found in the same area, earlier this year.—China Mail Special.

Jewel Robbery

YARD MEN PICK UP SUSPECT

Capetown, Aug. 6.

Two Scotland Yard inspectors will take a trip in a small pilot boat today outside South African territorial waters to arrest a man wanted in connection with a £100,000 jewel robbery in London.

The man is under close arrest aboard the liner, Bloemfontein Castle. The Scotland Yard inspectors arrived here over the week end.

Chief Inspector Tom Shepherd, who is in charge of the case, said the suspect, John Kelly, was a member of the ship's crew until he was arrested by the ship's master, following a telephone request after the liner left Walvis Bay.

As the ship is British, there will be no trouble about extradition proceedings.—France-Press.

3 Helicopter Records Claimed

Washington, Aug. 6.

The United States Army today announced that three international helicopter speed records had been set over closed circuits of 100, 500 and 1,000 kilometres.

The records were:
One hundred kilometres at an average speed of 141.9 m.p.h. The former record was 121 m.p.h. set in 1949.

Five hundred kilometres at an average speed of 136 m.p.h. The former record was 106 m.p.h. set in 1952.

One thousand kilometres at an average speed of 132.6 m.p.h. The former record was 106 m.p.h. set in 1949.

All the records were set on July 12 by a Sikorsky helicopter over the southern coast of Connecticut.—France-Press.

Vietnamese Study Malayan Police Methods

Singapore, Aug. 7.

Five top Vietnamese police officials arrived in Singapore by air from Saigon last night for a week's visit of Malaya to study police methods.

Mr. Tran Trath, Director-General of the Vietnamese Civil Guard, said at the airport that they were particularly interested to learn how the Malayan Police deal with terrorist and subversive elements.

He said the problems facing his country were counter-subversive rather than terrorism and that the situation in Vietnam is much more stable with all rebel bands in South Vietnam practically eliminated.—Reuter.

Washington, Aug. 6.

President Eisenhower today signed a bill permitting the Federal Bureau of Investigation to enter kidnap cases after 24 hours.

The so-called Lindbergh act had required the FBI to wait seven days before taking over in these crimes.—United Press.

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WEDDING RUMOURED



Arriving at the Milan airport are Hollywood actress Linda Christian and her constant escort, actor Edmund Purdom. It is rumoured that the couple will wed soon.—Express Photo.

Alleged Government Corruption In Japan

Tokyo, Aug. 6.

Disclosures of alleged corruption in national and local government offices have angered the Japanese who are already suffering from rising costs and heavy taxes.

State prosecutors have been delving into the accounts of one ministry and reporting one example after another of corruption. Misuse of public funds exceeding the equivalent of £100,000 sterling was alleged. One official even sold a state forest.

In another case it was found that a local government official had permitted a motor car company to build its garage and showrooms in a public park.

Bridge Undamaged

A provincial government was discovered accepting typhoon damage reimbursement from the national government for a bridge which inspectors found was not damaged at all.

In another case, national funds "rebuilt" a locally-owned ship, which was supposed to have been sunk. Inspectors found the old ship undamaged. Case after similar case roused public outcry and Japanese newspapers have had many protests from taxpayers.

Japanese income tax is not as high as in Britain or the United States, but the incidence of quite heavy taxes starts lower and hits hard at wage earners.

These people object that expense accounts and other devices for avoiding taxes discriminate unfairly in favour of more wealthy company executives and business men.

But in Japan national income tax is not the whole story. Heavy local taxes are also exacted on income, affecting wage earners with as little as the yen equivalent of £10 to £15 per month.

Then there are property taxes (just being raised in Tokyo) and taxes on "assets." Anyone with an office must pay taxes on his office furniture, his typewriters and the bicycle used by his messenger boy.

If he takes a meal in a restaurant costing 100 or more, he is taxed on that and all his entertainments are taxed.

This year the many revelations of graft in public office have prompted some Japanese to suggest a "pay no tax" movement.—Reuter.

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Royalists And Reds Come To Terms

Vientiane, Laos, Aug. 6.

Royalists and Communists came to terms today that may cancel out each other's extremes and send landlocked Laos into neutralism.

But for the moment the Royalists appear to have the upper hand.

Both sides have been in conflict since the Indo-China armistice of 1954, which gave the Communist "Pathet Lao" (Free Laos) movement control of the two northernmost provinces.

Under terms of the armistice they were to hold reunification talks this summer, like North and South Vietnam.

Out Of Jungle

In the case of Vietnam, the Free South has refused to talk reunification. In the case of Laos, it was the Communists who refused.

But last week Prince Souvannou Vong, leader of the Pathet Lao, though a nephew of 80-year-old King Sisavang Vong, ordered his 6,000 troops to cease fire. He came out of the jungle to talk peace.

Today the two parties announced agreement on five points, including absorption of Souvannou Vong's troops and the two northernmost provinces by the Royal Government but not including general elections as demanded by the Communists.

Government sources said Premier-Prince Souvannou Vong brought his Communist cousin around to agreeing to only partial elections after revision of the electoral law.

How partial, and what kind of revision, was not immediately known. The Royalists and the Pathet Lao agreed on these points:

Five Points

1. Adherence to the "five principles of co-existence" as authored by India's Jawaharlal Nehru, subscribed to by the Soviet Union and China and endorsed at the Bandung Asian-African conference.
2. Government guarantee of democratic liberties for all.
3. A halt to all acts of hostility between the two parties.
4. Transfer of administrative functions in the two northernmost provinces of Phong-Saly and Sam-Meua from the Pathet Lao to the Royal Government, and transfer of Pathet Lao troops to Royal Army command.
5. Establishment of two committees, one political and one military, to study the details of the above agreement.—United Press.

'Smarten Up,' Police Told

Bangkok, Aug. 6.

Bangkok policemen have been told to smarten their dress, not to smoke on duty, and not to talk with friends or wave at passers-by while they are working.

They were also told, in a series of official directives, "Even when on duty, pay immediate attention to crimes occurring in front of you."—China Mail Special.

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RADIATION DANGER TO HEREDITY

Copenhagen, Aug. 6. The first international congress of genetics ended its meeting here today with a resolution declaring that the danger to human heredity produced by atomic radiation was "real."

The resolution said: "The damage produced by ionizing radiation on the hereditary material is real and should be taken seriously into consideration in both the peaceful and military uses of nuclear energy, as well as in all commercial and industrial practices in which X-rays or other ionizing radiation is emitted."

It is recommended that the investigation of the amount and type of damage and related genetic questions be greatly extended and intensified with a view to safeguarding the well being of future generations."

500 DELEGATES

The effects of radiation were one of the most important subjects discussed at the congress, which was attended by about 500 delegates from 29 countries who were asked by the World Health Organisation to express an opinion.

Nineteen of the world's leading geneticists are remaining in Copenhagen for a few days to take part in a study group organized by the World Health Organisation to discuss the problem further.

They include Professor Lionel Penrose, professor of genetics at London University, Professor H. J. Muller of the Indiana University, and Professor J. V. Neel of Michigan University. —China Mail Special.

All Done With Mirrors

London, Aug. 6. A giant circle of mirrors, nearly half a mile in diameter, will capture the sun's rays to produce 1,200 kilowatts of electric power in a solar power station planned in Armenia, Tass reported.

The agency gave details of the power station as published in the Soviet Literary Gazette.

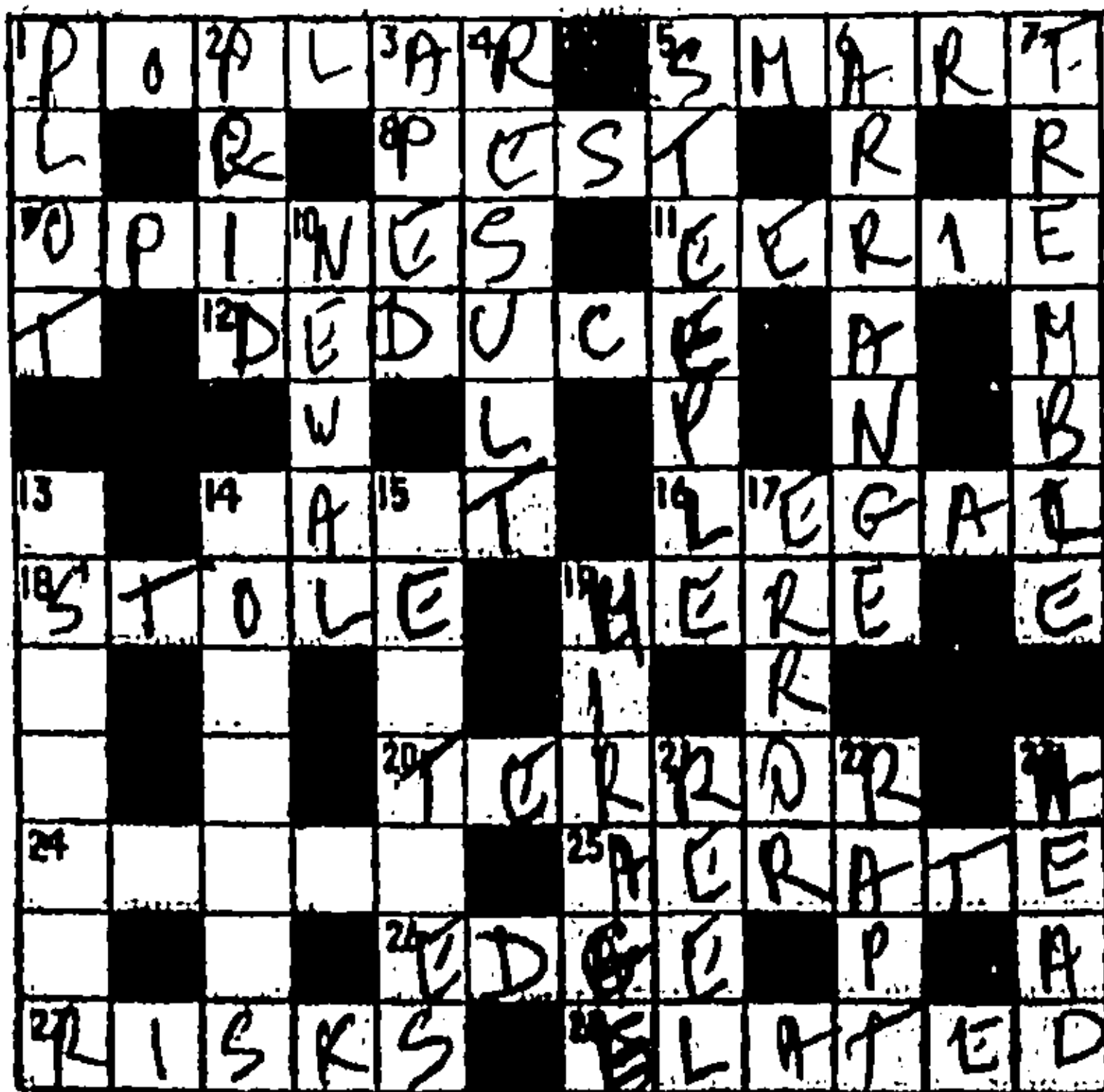
The magazine said that 9,203 large mirrors, ranged in a circle, would revolve automatically on bogies running on rails to follow the sun.

In the centre, a tower 40 metres high, would support a revolving boiler. The sun's rays directed to the flat wall of the boiler would heat the water, generating steam which would be sent by pipes to a turbo-generator.

At dawn the entire mechanism would be switched on automatically by photo-cells.

Power from the station would be used to irrigate fields in the Ararat plains near the lake of Ararat, where the station was to be built. Tass said.—China Mail Special.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- 1 London district (6).
 - 2 Chile (3).
 - 3 Nuisance (4).
 - 4 Makes reputation (8).
 - 5 Ghastly (5).
 - 6 Conclude (6).
 - 7 Geographical area (4).
 - 8 Lawful (5).
 - 9 Purloined (5).
 - 10 Lake (3).
 - 11 Extreme fright (6).
 - 12 Bored (5).
 - 13 Make effervescent (6).
 - 14 Bored (5).
 - 15 Hostile (5).
 - 16 Highly pleased (6).

- DOWN**
- 1 Scheme (4).
 - 2 Polea (3).
 - 3 Mince (4).
 - 4 Outrage (5).
 - 5 Spire (3).
 - 6 Set out (7).
 - 7 Quake (7).
 - 8 Staffage column (5).
 - 9 Apart (7).
 - 10 Frolic (7).
 - 11 Decides (7).
 - 12 Mischance (5).
 - 13 Optical illusion (6).
 - 14 Stagger (4).
 - 15 Ecstatic (5).
 - 16 Go in front (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Delta, 4 Stable, 6 Outside, 10 Isles, 12 Normal, 14 Praying, 17 Bare, 19 Averied, 20 Obvious, 22 Real, 23 Residing, 27 Conceded, 29 Told, 30 Solace, 31 Delect, 32 Event, Down: 1 Droop, 2 Lapse, 3 Avenue, 5 Trim, 6 Ballot, 7 Enraged, 9 Donates, 11 Scurry, 13 Reveries, 15 Robe, 16 Puffed, 18 Bait, 20 Grated, 21 Vacant, 24 Adore, 25 Means, 26 Greet, 29 Asia.

Suez Canal Pilots Threatened With Imprisonment UNABLE TO DISCOVER EFFECT OF EGYPTIAN NATIONALISATION LAW

By RONALD BATCHELOR

Port Said, Aug. 6.

British and other international pilots of Suez Canal here are complaining that they are having to continue work with the threat of imprisonment hanging over their heads despite Egyptian assurances that nationalisation of the canal does not mean forced labour.

Many of the British pilots—there are more than 50—have been attempting to discover the effect of nationalisation law which seems to forbid resignations, but so far without success.

They contend that an article of the nationalisation law—now the law of the country—“handcuffs” them to their jobs with little hope of release should they wish to resign and leave the country.

This article declares that the nationalised authority “shall retain all employees” who will “continue to perform their duties, and none can leave his work or give it up any manner or for any reason except with the permission of the authority.”

Pilots also said they were imposed by a notice which appeared on the canal company notice board on the day of the nationalisation.

Carry On

This read: “All pilots on duty or call will carry on their normal duties as usual. Anyone abstaining will be liable to court-martial.”

The notice appeared in French and English above the name of Colonel Amene Helmy, Chief of Staff of the Egyptian army’s eastern command.

It has now disappeared but has not been replaced by any countering order.

Egyptian authorities seem confused and either unable or unwilling to say what is the position of foreign employees.

Colonel Helmy, in his office in Mosser garrison just outside Ismailia, told me categorically that the canal zone was not under military law and was not a military area.

He said he had not personally signed the order threatening pilots with court-martial.

The army had nothing to do with canal operations or the authority and the only time it would act would be to protect

the waterway or “deal with sabotage.”

At the canal authority headquarters in the centre of Ismailia, Nabih Younis, Under-Secretary of State for Finance and a member of the nationalised canal board, told me that the order given to employees of the canal company to remain at their posts were “purely a precautionary measure” taken at the time of the takeover.

Mr Younis said that anyone could resign provided he gave proper notice “in accordance with his contract.”

“It is not a matter of forcing people to work, because you cannot force anyone to work if he does not want to—at least not to work loyally,” he said.

Asked what would happen if a hundred or more employees all decided to resign at the same time, Mr Younis replied that “if enough of them would have to remain until we obtained replacements.”

Mr Younis said no restrictions were imposed on pilots going on leave and that he was personally seeing that transfers of money to their homes were being made.

Two pilots went on leave this week and ten other employees and their families were due to go this week.

First Trickle

Here in Port Said today British residents were beginning to make serious preparations to send their wives and children to the United Kingdom.

The first trickle of the families of businessmen and shipping agents began to apply for passports and visas to leave.

But travel agents here warned that if the numbers became larger it would be impossible to get reservations either by sea or air.—China Mail Special.

France Stocks Oil

Paris, Aug. 6.

Finance Minister Paul Ramadier assured the nation today that France has stocked enough oil to tide over any fuel emergency in the Suez Canal crisis.

The dispossessed Suez Canal Company ordered its non-Egyptian employees to choose between it or working for Egypt by August 15. In view of the Suez conference, however, it said those who chose the Company should stay until it told them to leave.

Simultaneously, Foreign Minister Christian Pineau called in the ambassadors of Germany, Italy, Holland and Ethiopia seeking support in the coming Suez conference.

No Fears

“We have studied the situation created by the nationalisation of the Suez Canal and the possible repercussions on French oil supplies,” Ramadier told a press conference.

“The situation causes no fears. In fact, importers are legally required to build up a stock equal to one-ninth of their imports. I can tell you that now this stock is well above this proportion.”

One-fourth of France’s oil supplies come through the vital canal.

Named ‘Nasser’

Seventy per cent of the oil refined in Britain passes through the canal.

Meanwhile, reports came in from the industrial centre of St Etienne that North African workers there, obviously sympathisers of the rebellion in Algeria and of Egypt, have been naming their newborn babies — “Nasser.”

In New Delhi some 100 Communists today staged a non-violent demonstration outside the French Embassy and the British High Commission in New Delhi to protest against the Anglo-French “warlike measures and threats” to use

force in the Suez Canal dispute.

The leader of the demonstration handed copies of a memorandum to both the French Embassy and the British High Commission while demonstrators shouted slogans like “Hands Off Egypt” and “Suez Belongs to Egypt.”

The demonstration was organised by the Delhi State Committee of the Indian Communist Party.

Deepening Canal

The Egyptian Embassy in Washington today declared that Cairo would devote a great part of revenues from the Suez Canal for deepening and widening the waterway.

The Embassy said in a press statement: “Because it is in Egypt’s interest to promote and facilitate navigation in the canal, she is determined to achieve and maintain its operation at the highest technical efficiency, not only to meet the present traffic which right now the canal can hardly accommodate but to cope with the ever-growing and expected increase of that traffic.”

Moscow Comment

Moscow radio said today that British and French military preparations over the Suez Canal crisis “threaten not only the safety of Egypt but also the safety of all the countries of the world.”

A radio commentator declared that “British and French ruling circles are using methods reminiscent of those applied during the colonial adventures at the end of the last century.”

The military demonstrations of Britain and France, greatly complicated the atmosphere in the Eastern Mediterranean, causing alarm in all Arab countries.

The commentator added that world public opinion was closely watching the Suez crisis “and demands that it should be solved by peaceful means, on the basis of respecting the rights of the Egyptian people.” —Al Jazeera.

McCormack Hits At Ike's Govt

Chicago, Aug. 6.

Chairman John McCormack convened the Democratic platform committee today with a blast at the Eisenhower Administration for what he called weakness and appeasement abroad and broken promises at home.

But McCormack pointedly failed to mention the issue that looms larger as the most troublesome for the Democrats—civil rights.

That issue threatens to split his 108-man committee and, possibly, the forthcoming Democratic Convention itself.

The biggest and most difficult job confronting the committee is to shape a civil rights plank that will please both the northern liberal wing of the party and the southern.

Some key members of the committee, that will write the 1956 party platform already have made it clear that they fall to see eye-to-eye on the crucial civil rights problem.—United Press.

Industry Reconstruction In Canton

Paris, Aug. 6.

The Kwangtung provincial authorities have launched a construction of industry programme under which 101 plants in Canton will be expanded or newly-built by the end of this year, Radio Peking reported.

By that time, the radio added, the gross industrial production of Canton will be 16 per cent more than last year.

According to the broadcast, plants to be expanded or newly-built in 1956 include machine building, electric engineering equipment, farm tools, fertilisers, brewery and winery, enamelware, hosiery, sugar, soap, tooth paste, pharmaceutical and rubber manufactures.—France-Press.

Israel's Turn For Blame

Jerusalem, Aug. 6.

The Israeli-Jordanian Mixed Armistice Commission today condemned Israel for an incident at August 1 in which several Israeli soldiers crossed into Jordan and killed two Jordanian national guards.

The UN chairman of the Commission said that his findings in support of the Jordan complaint did not mean that Israel authorities were directly responsible for the incident.—France-Press.

Another Peak To Conquer

Paris, Aug. 6.

Members of the Sino-Soviet non-alignment party are planning to conquer another and higher Famit Peak, Radio Peking reported today.

It said that some members of the joint party have set out for Famit Peak (7,710 metres) in the neighbourhood of their newly discovered Mount Kuzushan (7,549 metres). —France-Press.

UGLY HE'S WON THE UGLY CONTEST



The annual ceremony to select “Mr Ugly” was held recently at Luserna S. Giovanni, Italy. The selection was made by a group of the area’s loveliest girls, and their choice is pictured above.—Express Photo.

Li Li-Hua Refuses To Give Her ‘Vital Statistics’

New York, Aug. 6.

Chinese movie queen Li Li-hua gave notice to American movie-goers today not to expect her to appear in bathing suits, low-cut dresses or high-split skirts.

The lovely five-foot, four-inch tall, 98-pound actress explained to a press conference in Chinatown that those were the only personal measurements she cared to make public.

“I do not consider myself a Marilyn Monroe type,” she said, through an interpreter, when asked if she could be compared with the American ideal of sex appeal. A reporter suggested she was more like Grace Kelly.

Favourite Actress

Li Li-hua smiled demurely and said: “yes.” She added that the Princess of Morocco is her favourite American actress.

Miss Li arrived here over the weekend from Washington. She plans to stay until Thursday when she will leave for Chicago with Richard McCarthy, US Consul in Hongkong, and his wife, who have been chaperoning her around the US.

She was brought to America by movie mogul Cecil B. de Mille, who intends to introduce her to US audiences next year. That will be in a musical remake of an old de Mille picture, “The Buccaneer,” with Yul Brynner.

“I do not know what kind of role I will have,” she said. “Shooting of the film doesn’t begin until early 1957. Meanwhile, I’m studying English and will report to the studios in October.”

About 60 Films

Miss Li, who has made some 60 films, said her average salary is about Hongkong \$75,000 per film. But her salary with de Mille has yet to be worked out.

The actress wore a high-necked, pink Chinese gown with a pearl necklace.

She said sex appeal was not important to Chinese movie-goers. “It is acting ability, not appearance that counts,” she said.

When a reporter suggested that Hollywood press agents may ask her to pose for “cheese cake” pictures and to wear revealing clothes, she frowned and replied: “I do not like to do anything that is against my own principles.”

In all of the films, she has made she has only once worn a low-cut gown, she said, “and I regret it.” The name of the picture was “The Gold-Digger.” —United Press.

Anti-A-Bomb Hunger Striker

Luzern, Aug. 6.

Professor Alfred Naon, is ready to sacrifice himself to make the earth safe not only for humans, but also for our friends from Mars.

The 45-year-old founding member of the “Interplanetary World Association” and director of the “Anti-Atomic League for the Protection of Life” announced today he would start a hunger strike until death at Christmas this year, to force an end to all A-bomb and H-bomb explosions.

“Apart from the terrible danger for humanity, these atomic explosions prevent a beneficial contact between the earth and our friends from space,” he explained to the United Press.

DEEPLY WORRIED

“You take all those flying saucers. Naturally the Martians and other intelligent life forms in space are deeply worried about the giant explosions they have witnessed on earth. They come to watch and are discouraged at what they see.”

Being the prime mover of the Swiss “Committee for a Friendly Reception of Visitors from Space,” the professor has been considerably worried about this state of affairs.

Two other members of the “Anti-Atomic League,” whom he identified as Wilhelm von Arbsier, director of the “Elevation of the Spirit” movement, and Professor Rameau of Saint-Sauveur, France, will join him in his hunger strike, Naon said.

—United Press.

British Watches For China

London, Aug. 6.

The purchase of 300,000 British-manufactured watches is the aim of representatives from China, according to a well-informed source.

These potential buyers also declared that they would like to buy greater quantities, if possible.

Presently, China buys nearly 2,000,000 watches from Switzerland annually, but London circles are under the impression that Switzerland cannot completely satisfy the vast Chinese increasing demand for such goods.

The British watch-making industry, which is relatively new, has welcomed the Chinese offer with great satisfaction. —France-Press.

Family Bags 50th Leopard

Cape Town, Aug. 6.

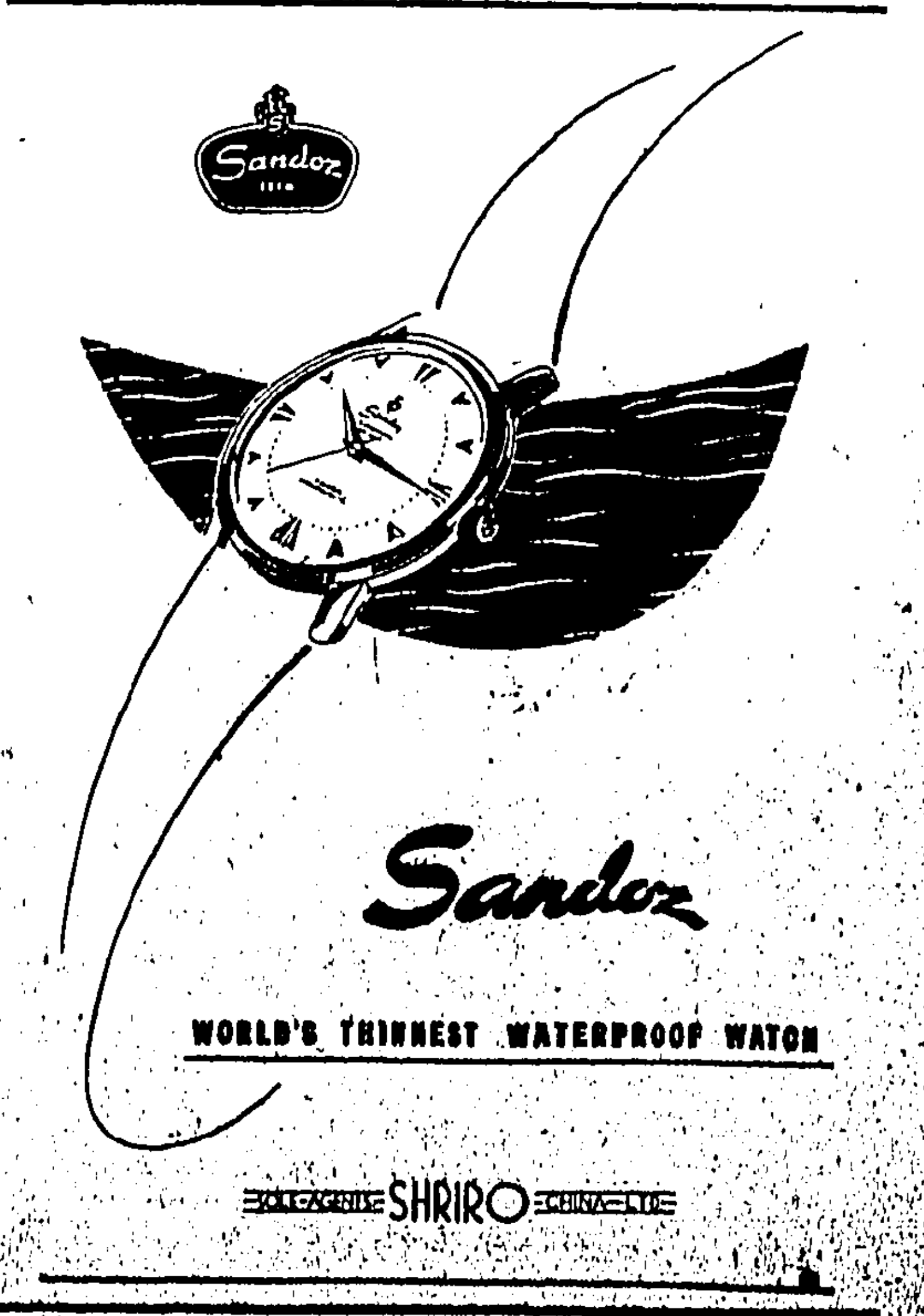
Fifty leopards have been caught over a period of generations by the family Roux on the farm Koorwerd in the district of Stellenbosch.

The 50th one was caught on the farm which is now owned by the brothers Roux. It was a female and was caught in an iron trap near the mountain and later shot.

Many farm animals graze on the veld round about Koorwerd, and many of them have been killed by leopards.—China Mail Special.



The “vital statistics” taken in Japan are 34 ins. hips, 21 ins. waist and 35 ins. bust.



Has experience taught you that
this writer's views are correct?

HOLIDAY TIME IS THE TIME FOR QUARRELS

By Constance Foley

I CONFESS to a private theory that holidays bring out the worst in the nicest people. In fact, if you never have a wrong word with your husband, your boy friend or the girls in the office, just go on holiday with them and watch out for explosions.

Take husband-and-wife holiday. You are determined that he is going to have a real rest from business worries. So you see to the packing, the hotels; you stop the milk deliveries and the newspaper deliveries; and all he has to do is to step into the car with you and drive off.

And what happens?

You are driving along, with husband at the wheel.

You "Do be careful, you just missed that car, you know."

He "I've driven this car for five years without an accident, and if you can do any better."

You "Sorry, dear, I was only thinking."

He "Well, don't."

What you forget is that if he worries about the office while he is there, to keep an eye on things, how much more does he worry when he is not there?

For his part, he is determined you are going to have the best. And what happens?

You walk into a smart restaurant.

He "What will you have, dear?"

You "I'm not really hungry."

He "How about a lobster cocktail to whet your appetite?"

You: "Do you know, I don't fancy a thing."

He: "Well, I bring you to the most expensive place in town, and you are still not satisfied!"

What he forgets is that when a woman spends a whole year shopping in the cheapest markets it takes a while to adjust her economics to paying a King's ransom for two ounces of lobster.

Take office holidays. The people are all so nice from Monday to Friday. You look forward to a holiday spent with kindred spirits.

And what happens?

John always wants the roach windows shut when it's blazing hot (she's allergic to pollen) and open when it's freezing (he's subject to fainting fits.)

And Betty finds a boy friend and never looks at you for the rest of the time.

You forget that office routine shows up only one side of a girl's nature and that the odds are you won't like the other.

Take family holidays.

Children are often the main excuse for having a holiday at all, yet judging from the way they behave you'd think they were allergic to them.

We'd examined ours with travel pills. We had their favourite toys in the car.

And what happened?

They were sick twice each, cried for Lambie and Golly—whom we hadn't brought—and wouldn't look at the teddies we had. Lay down in the back seat and squirmed with fury because they couldn't get out and walk.

And when we got there they wouldn't look at the sand.



"Good old Nasser."

DON IDDON IN HOLLYWOOD

The Girl From Swindon Goes House-hunting

DIANA DORS invited me to lunch. The plan was that we would lunch quietly at a little place called Lacey's. This is near the RKO studio in which Diana is making "I Married a Woman."

But something about Diana having her hair done came up and finally we lunched in her dressing room near the set. Diana ate salad and dry-looking cold chicken. I had a soft drink. Efforts to get more potent drinks had failed.

She began on her chicken. And said: "Let's get something straight. I shall never become an American citizen. Never never."

Her husband, Dennis Hamilton, who sat in on the con-

ference-lunch so that it became something of a Big Three meeting, said: "Now Diana, don't say that."

Diana was still battling with a chicken. She said: "Oh, darling, this is a funny salad. They will put sweet things like orange slices and pineapples in salads here."

Then, "Americans are so generous. My rooms were filled with flowers when I arrived and the studio has given me a beautiful sapphire ring, stole and a cinerama and a British bicycle."

Diana has been taking quite a going-over. She isn't the

people can want there. I could never be anything but English, but I will carry out my contract here and perhaps do outside films, maybe in Rome or somewhere."

She looked at the chicken. Then, "Really, this salad is sickly—they wouldn't make it like this in England."

Diana talked a little of American film technique.

She said: "They are easy-going, but very fast and efficient."

"There are no shouts of time for tea, and we lunch at all hours."

"The people, and particularly my co-star, George Gobel, are fine to work with."

"But my big worry is finding a house. Dennis must have looked at more than 100. The prices are terrible."

"Lana Turner wants more than £60,000 for her house. We have offered £50,000."

"We must have a swimming pool and a tennis court. We did play tennis with the James"

not be pushed around by Hollywood or anyone else. They take a stand. They won't shift."

There has been a lot of exaggeration about the money-seeking. During our talk Diana never mentioned terms or contracts. She said: "I leave all that to Dennis, don't I, darling?"

He speaks for me.

She seems deeply in love with Dennis. I found him a good Joe as they say around here.

Diana tried again with that chicken.

She said: "We are going back to England for a trip in five months. That's my country and always will be."

"We have everything there."

"I said: 'After all, T. S. Elliot became British, and then we have Whitney Straight, and what about Sir Douglas Fair-

banks?'"

"And I see that Dickson Carr's becoming British. Perhaps it's Lent-Loose in reverse."

The mention of T. S. Elliot brought no response, but Diana and Dennis had met Sir Douglas.

No tennis court

LATER the three of us drove to the house which Diana and Dennis occupy on a Hollywood hilltop. It costs £300 a month, and there's another £100 a month for the house-keeper.

Mariene Dietrich rented it before. It is delightfully compact and modern, with a superb view and a small swimming pool.

We drove there in a blue Cadillac convertible which Dennis had rented.

He said: "I'm getting a white Lincoln Continental."



DIANA SAID...

"American citizen? Never."

Masons, but usually we queue up and go to a public club.

"There was a fair amount of entertainment at the beginning, but we hate going out and we can't stand night clubs."

Dennis joined in with: "Any one would think we were talking about becoming Russians instead of just residents of America. What a fuss!"

I said: "After all, T. S. Elliot became British, and then we have Whitney Straight, and what about Sir Douglas Fair-

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DON SAID...

"What about Sir Douglas?"

Nearly £4,000 they cost, but I'm getting mine for £1,000 less."

Of the house he said: "Nice, but too much glare. No trees and no tennis court."

I was shown the sapphire ring stole. Said Dennis: "Must have cost £700. Diana thought it was part of her outfit in the picture."

"But the boss, Bill Dozier, said: 'It's a present for you.'"

"And then there's this cinerama."

I began to admire Dennis's frankness.

He said Diana are perhaps like children in a toffee shop or candy store with the key thrown away, but I am not going to blame them.

There has been bullyhoo about money, and contracts have been blown up. These are the facts:

Diana had not made a picture for nine months when she sailed to America.

The Rank Organisation had no plans for her for 1956, so when R.K.O. came along they negotiated and made a deal.

The deal is for three pictures. The first will pay Diana more than £30,000, the second more than £40,000, and the third about £50,000.

Payment for two possible other pictures has not been settled. Expenses while working are more than £200 weekly.

DENNIS SAID...

"Diana, don't say that."

These facts come from the executive of R.K.O. A long way from \$1,000,000, or was it £1,000,000? But it's a lot of money.

To buy an expensive house Diana and Dennis will have to borrow from the studio.

They tell me: "We like the good things and we believe in showmanship."

"We had a Rolls-Royce when Diana was broke. We've had tough times too."

Little publicity

IT'S not true to say that Diana has taken Hollywood by storm. Many people have never heard of her.

The publicity has not been gigantic. There have been mentions in the columns and there were brief news stories in New York when she arrived.

There have been some photographs, but no front covers on magazines or anything like that.

I talked to Rogers and Cowan, the publicity consultants whom Diana hired.

Rogers said: "I've no hard feelings. We had a discussion and the association was covered."

I haven't a thing against Diana. She's good and she could be great."

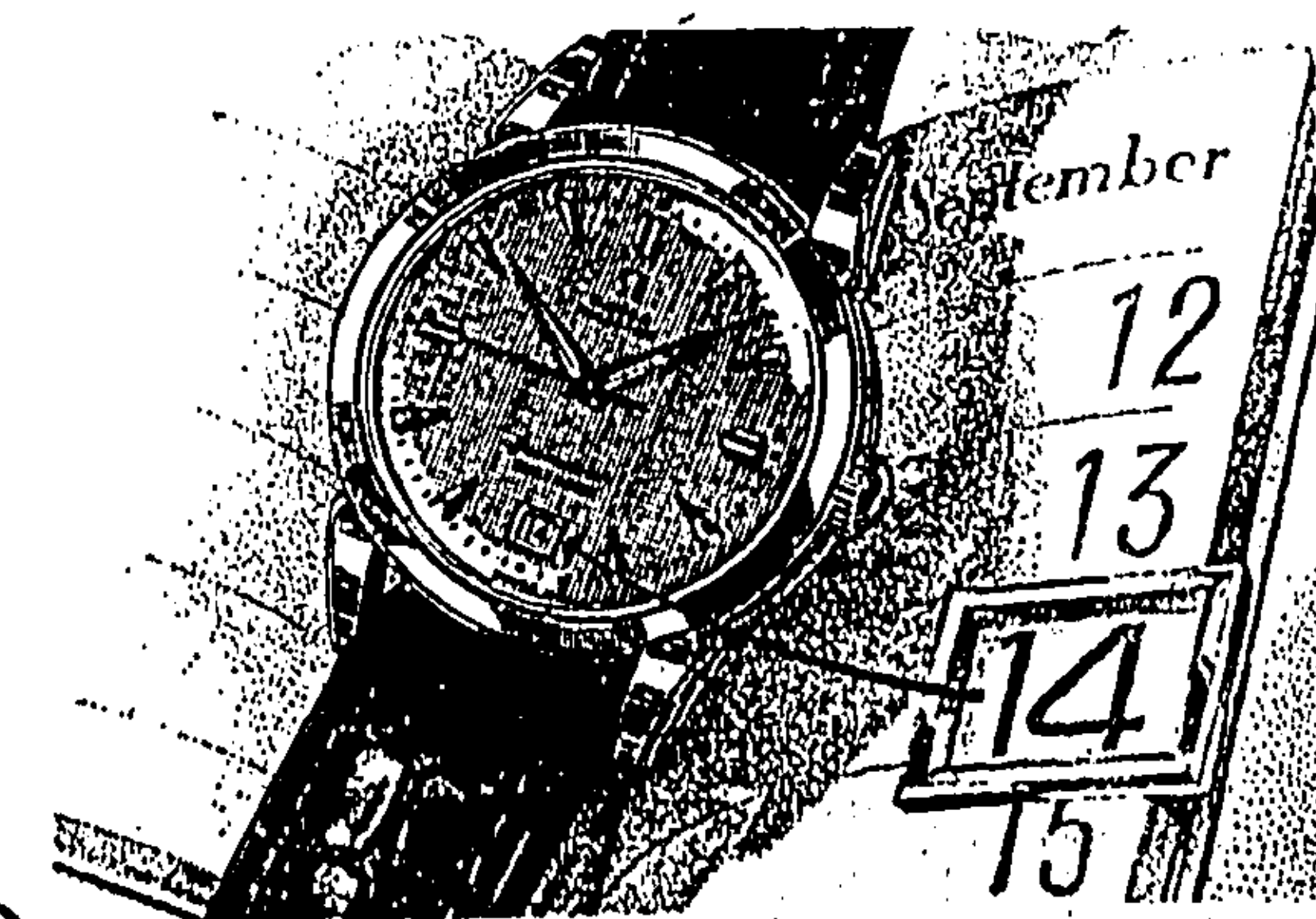
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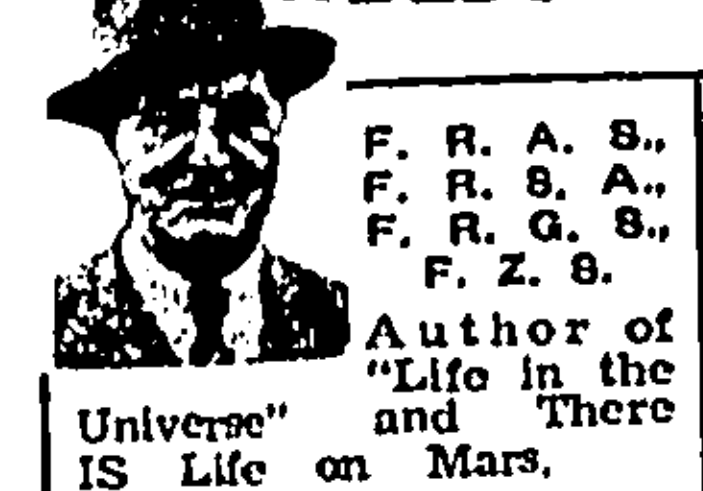
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IF THEY TELL YOU MARS HAS NO LIFE..

by LORD NELSON



Author of "Life in the Universe" and "The Life on Mars."

THAT some form of life exists on Mars can no longer be seriously doubted. It may be nothing more than a low form of vegetation of the lichen type, or a vegetation peculiar to Mars that has evolved to suit the conditions existing there, and of which, consequently, we have no knowledge.

The existence of vegetation argues the existence also of bacterial life, and possibly too of animal life. If only because in its lowest stages it is often difficult to find a dividing line between animal and vegetable life.

It is not impossible that higher forms of animal life exist there, and perhaps even intelligent life. If we ever find that the so-called Canals of Mars are really the artificial constructions that some astronomers believe them to be, we shall have irrefutable proof that a form of life exists or has existed on the planet as high as any existing here.

But if intelligent beings do exist on Mars, for reasons of climate, atmosphere, and so on, it is unlikely that they would bear much resemblance to ourselves.

Assuming the canals really are waterways, either natural or artificial, it is not through a telescope, we see through a telescope. They are too narrow to be picked out at such a dis-

tance. We see the broad belts on either side of them, irrigated areas covered with vegetation which springs into activity under the influence of water the flow, or is pumped, across the planet from the melting polar snow-caps.

The snowcaps melt and even disappear completely with the coming of the Martian spring and summer. In each hemisphere alternately.

Then seasonal colour changes are seen spreading gradually from the Pole to Equator.

DESERTS? The prevailing colours of Mars are red and green. The reddish areas are generally thought to be deserts. The green areas seem to be tracts of vegetation, which change from light to dark green in the Martian spring, to yellow or gold in summer, and to brown in autumn.

Similarly the vegetation that spreads out on either side of the "canals" undergoes a seasonal revival from Pole to Equator.

A space explorer landing there would probably see it spreading out on every side beyond the horizon, very much as an observer looking out across the great wheat belts of Canada would see them stretching away as far as the eye can reach.

Vegetation would survive by becoming dormant, as in the colder parts of the Earth; and certain forms of animal life might hibernate.

Even the Moon may not be such a completely dead world as we have hitherto believed. Observers have noticed changes in some areas of the lunar surface which it is thought indicate the existence of vegetation.

One of the most peculiar kinds of fungus life peculiar to the Moon, one time it would have been thought impossible for life of any sort to exist without air, but the comparatively recent discovery of forms of terrestrial life that can live without air has greatly modified our views.

LIKE SPIRES It is not impossible, either, that water may occur as ice in some of the lunar caves.

Water, too, is a constituent of many minerals, and it has been suggested that astronauts landing on the Moon might be able to obtain it by focussing sunlight on to rocks by means of concave mirrors, since such water may be extracted by the application of heat.

We have a very good idea of what the surface of the Moon looks like. There are the great plains, once thought to be

seas, and still bearing the names originally given to them—Sea of Peace, Sea of Serenity, and Sea of Clouds. But these plains are by no means level. They are lined with ridges, with craters and craters, some of them quite small, others enormous.

The crater of Ptolemy, for instance, is more than 90 miles across. It is surrounded by mountainous walls, thousands of feet in height, and yet a man standing in the centre would not be able to see them owing to sharp curvature of the Moon's surface. The visible horizon would be only two miles away.

One of the places in which curious changes are noticed which may be due to the spreading of some strange form of vegetation is the crater Plato.

If we look at the Moon on the tenth night after it is new we can see the magnificent sight of Plato emerging into full sunlight. From high ground on the Moon's surface, it would form a tremendous spectacle.

The peaks of the great wall of mountains surrounding it would appear like the spires of some gigantic cathedral.

It is a beauty we can imagine. The riddle of the dark patches we must wait for the astronauts to solve.

HURRAH FOR THE EXTRA 75 ATHLETES FOR MELBOURNE, BUT...

Cut Down Those Olympic £650-a-head Officials

Says DESMOND HACKETT

Three hearty British red, white and blue patriotic cheers for the news that Britain is sending a team of 225 athletes to the Olympic Games in Melbourne—an increase of 75. This is a 75-splendoured thing.

After enjoying the tremendous friendship of the Canadians during the past week I can appreciate how much the Australians will hail this salute from Britain.

Having put up the loud hurrahs let me insist on a severe cut down on the £650 trip, on those officials who jump the band wagon for no good purpose beyond the desire to have happy holiday on the cheap.

I have no wish to criticise those excellent chaps who run our show jumping and who bear home many honours from overseas, but there appeared to be more officials than horses and riders at the Olympic session in Stockholm.

When our earliest but made-
quite amateur boxers were
exposed to the hugely muscled
men in Moscow the British
party was made up of 10
boxers, two reserves, eight
officials and no more.

I have seen those free-ticket
travellers along with the
Football Association in
their foreign excursions—
men who rubber-necked around
Europe saying nothing, paying
nothing.

ROVING HOLIDAY

Now that the public are
being urged to produce an
extra £25,000 to the £100,000
already donated I feel certain
they would reach for their
cheque books more readily if
they were assured their money
was not going to stake a roving
holiday for some official.

I challenge the organisations
who take out our Olympic
delegates to present a balanced
sheet enumerating: A—number
of athletes being transported;
B—number of officials provid-
ing supporting cost.

The Amateur Athletic Asso-
ciation, who will be responsible
for more bodies than any
other group, have this year set
the highest ever standard for
Olympic candidates.

The performances demanded
in many cases would have won
fourth places in the last
Olympics. I trust they will be
equally exacting when it comes
to selecting their officials to
travel.

GARDNER FIGHTS

Talking of the banned I am
informed that Jack Gardner,
who has been unloved by the
British Boxing Board of Control,
will fight at the Royal
Riding School at Buckingham
Palace for the benefit of dis-
abled ex-Servicemen.

Gardner tells me he is pre-
pared to demonstrate against
any opponent for the enlighten-
ment of the Boxing Board—and
money no object.

This slight disregard for cash
would cause faintness among
such citizens as Messrs Kearns,
Daly, and Johnston who so
bravely endured the sight of
James J. Parker's blood in the
fight three with Archie Moore.

Hackett blushes modestly at
the news that Canadian radio
credits him with the prize com-
ment of the week when he de-
scribed who else but Kearns,
Johnston, and Daly as "The
Three Wide Men."

There is a wonderful chance
that Britain can produce a
World Heavyweight Champion
within the next three years.
All right, go ahead, laugh your
heads off, chorus that you've
heard that one before. But I
still insist that if Dick Rich-
ardson or Joe Eversley are given
the full-powered American
treatment, they could become
world-ranking fighters.

There will arise this ugly
question: Who is going to raise
the money for this higher
education in ringcraft?

Well, what about the British
Boxing Board of Control putting
up a Boxing Scholarship?
They all back and collect five
per cent of profits and appear
to do little else than put the
bon on heavyweights whom
they consider are no longer
entertainment value.

The Boxing Board would not
be the first sports organisation
paying up to boost the standard
of their performers.

This very day the British
Lawn Tennis Association are
sending out a team of two girls
and four men to play in
America.

TOUGH YEARS

World Heavyweight Cham-
pion Archie Moore would be

HK Cricket League Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the
Hongkong Cricket League will be
held at the Hongkong Cricket
Club on Monday, August 13 at
8.30 p.m.

ready to school any British
fighter who has high ability,
and the guts to give up every-
thing for two tough-and-
probably-painful years.

Moore, the greatest expert in
the fight trade, told me he is
sure that somewhere in Britain
there is a young husky who
could be made into a world
beater if he would only forget
the British system of fight
preparation.

Welshmen Richardson and
Erskine are still in the mean
and hungry class. They are
unspoiled by easy successes,
they have not been mercilessly
tossed into crushing fights
which have wrecked the
chances of at least one still
practising heavyweight.

Moore has opened up a ranch
in Montana—you know where
they used to hear the mission
bells above deep in the heart
of California.

Any British fighter who finds
the light bell rousing martial
music would be welcome.
The way ahead would be tough
but the end of the road could
well be light fame and a
fortune.

MEET MOORE

If Richardson or Erskine are
willing to take the chance then
I shall be proud to pass them
on to the great fight master—
Archie Moore.

The other day I challenged
the Olympic organisations to
produce a list of officials they
were taking out to Australia in
November.

Off the mark with Olympic
Gold Medal pace was Sandy
Duncan, general secretary of
the British Olympic Association.
He tells me: "We have cut
down on officials to the absolute
minimum."

"Some sports will have only
one official. The public are
giving splendid support to our
funds and they can depend on it
it will be devoted as far as
efficiency allows to sending
British athletes only to the
Games."

Thank you, Sandy Duncan.
Next association, please!
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New Race Should Prove A Full Leger Trial

By RICHARD BAERLEIN

Ascot's Festival of Britain Stakes inaugurated in
1951 and now known as the King George VI and Queen
Elizabeth Stakes undoubtedly revolutionised the racing
calendar as far as classic three and four-year-olds were
concerned.

The next big revolution in the racing calendar will
occur next year at York, where Major Petch is starting
two valuable races, the Great Voltigeur Sweepstakes and
the Yorkshire Oaks.

At present known as the
Voltigeur Sweepstakes, this
year's race with £2,000 added to
the winner closed on July 17
with an entry of 28. The terms
have been changed for the Great
Voltigeur Sweepstakes next year
and this race also closed on July
17.

There is new £5,000 added
and instead of 28 entries, there
are 138 entries. With ordinary
luck there will be £10,000 in
prize money for this race and, as
it will fall three weeks before
the St. Leger, it is likely to
prove a full St. Leger trial.

INITIATIVE

The Yorkshire Oaks this year,
with £1,500 added to the winner,
closed on July 17 with 19 entries.
Next year there will be £3,000
added and a sweepstakes similar
to the Great Voltigeur. There
were 143 entries, and the race
has every prospect of being worth
£8,000 to the winner.

These two races give ample
evidence of what can be done by
initiative to increase prize
money. It is obvious from the
way owners and trainers have
supported the events that they
thoroughly approve.

The chief point here is that
these types of races are likely to
kill three-year-old weight-for-
age races between Ascot and
York. Trainers will give their
horses a rest after Ascot and then
tune them up again in time for
York and Doncaster.

PERFECT SETTING

The meeting, which will be
primarily attended by the new

INTERNATIONAL PLAYERS ARE Weighing Up The Pros And Cons On Non-League Football

By ARCHIE QUICK

Famous international footballers have been weigh-
ing up the pros and cons of non-League football and the
inducements it offers. After long consideration, Alex
Forbes of Arsenal and Scotland turned down a £30 a week
offer from Gravesend, the Kent side from whom his
buddy, little Jimmy Logie, reputedly gets that sum
weekly.

Forbes chose instead to sign for Leyton Orient.
Henry Cockburn of Manchester United, Bury and Eng-
land, however, decided to step down in status to step up
his wages and sign for Peterborough.

With Bury the former Eng-
land wing-half was getting the
maximum of £15 a week—the
same as the great Stanley
Matthews gets—but with non-
League Peterborough he will
receive the sum of £15 every
seven days, plus a house and
a £12 a week job. So the obvious
axiom for League players is, in
the evening of your playing
days and discontent, sign non-
League and double your income
which makes the League
maximum look foolish. Let clubs
pay what they can afford.

Obviously the worthwhile
clubs will be able to offer the
more attractive terms, but that
would be only to players worthy
of high wages. That is fair
enough, surely? Third Division
clubs would pay Third Division
wages to Third Division stand-
ard men and First Division
clubs would pay high salaries
to the cream of the talent. It
would be up to the player to
prove his ability to qualify for
high scales.

ON THE MOVE

Mearwhile, the trek to the
non-League sides goes on. I
have before me a list of men on
the move—a weekly list from a
Provincial paper. There are
fifty-eight players' names on it
and thirty-five of them have
gone from League clubs to non-
League clubs! That tells its
own tale.

Organisations like Bath,
Chilchford, Worcester, Boston,
Peterborough, Kings Lynn,
Folkestone, Hereford, Head-
ington, Gravesend and Gains-
borough are taking advantage of
the big exodus and reaping a
rich harvest of stars.

Leo at some of the names on
the list I have. Harry
Adamson and Tommy Deans
from Notts County to Gains-
borough and Boston; Hurry
Leyland and Roy Saunders from
Everton to Tonbridge; Fred
Furness from Sheffield to Work-
sop; clever little Jimmy Henson
from Leicester to Hastings;
Hugh McLaren and Ken Harri-
son from Derby to Burton and
Goole; George Taylor, West
Ham's goalkeeper, to Sitting-
bourne; Joe Sibley from
Southend to Folkestone; Tommy
Tilson, Crystal Palace to
Chelmsford.

Good players all, whom the
League can ill-afford to lose
and who would probably still
be League players if the wage
restrictions were lifted. Peter-
borough, Boston and Head-
ington, to name but three of the
ambitious clubs outside the
League, have eleven, thirteen
stronger than the average Third
Division side and the lack,
instead of being plugged, is
getting bigger.

Lindwall May Open Sports Pavilion

Ray Lindwall, Australia's fast
bowler, has been invited to open
a new sports pavilion at St
John's College, Southsea, Bason
is a globe, clock, ball and
weather-vane on top of the
pavilion. With them Captain
Cook, who discovered Australia,
used to tell the time and the
direction of the wind. The vane
was on a house called The Vache
at Chatham St Giles, recently
bought by the National Coal
Board. A Portsmouth architect,
Mr T. Makins, purchased it and
included it in his plans for the
pavilion. The old owners of The
Vache were friends of Captain
Scott and helped to finance his
expeditions. When in England
Scott generally made The Vache
his headquarters.

British Long Distance Cyclist Makes History

Reading, Berkshire.
Res. Booby, British long dis-
tance cycling champion, has
just won the classic both road
100 miles race in 3 hours 35
minutes, 30 seconds, the first
ride to cover the distance in a
time trail under four hours—
Races.

Surely other racers could
follow suit and show some
imagination, even if they do not
wish to put on races for classic
horses.
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Are Soccer's Bosses On The Way Out?

Asks ALAN HOBY

Is the day of the Big Boss manager finished? Are the great
Showmen of Soccer—the Barnum types—dying out?

The new set-up announced at Arsenal, with Tom Whittaker still
secretary-manager but with gentleman Jack Crayston in charge of the
first team, pinpoints the backroom revolution in top-class football since
the war.

For better or worse the old,
rip-roaring individualists who
ran the whole show and capered
smugly from headline to head-
line are a vanishing breed.

More and more the Quiet Men
of Soccer are taking over—
modern specialists who govern
in triplicate, men who, with their
various assistants, control the
whole complex machinery of
their clubs on the lines of vast
business corporations.

"Today, it is generally re-
cognised that no one man can
do the job," says Fulham's
general manager Frank Osborne.
"You must have a TEAM—
just as you have a team on the
field."

A NEW WORLD

"Yes," declares Charlton chief
Jimmy Seed, "it's a new world.
There's a different type of chap
coming into the game now.
Moreover, with the acute
shortage of good players the
going isn't nearly as easy as pre-
war."

"You've got to find and groom
the young players yourself now.
You can't go round waving the
cheque book any more."

"Even the late Herbert Chap-
man, great as he was, couldn't
have done half so well under
modern conditions."

Ah, Chapman... There was a
giant for you.

Not only did he tower over
the pre-war world of football
like a chubby Colossus but he
was the man who transformed
Arsenal into the most successful
—and hated—club in the land.

Chapman it was who paid
£10,800 to Bolton for David Jack
and £9,000 to Preston for the
puckish and long-panted Alex
James—huge sums for those
days.

And, of course, he nearly ruin-
ed the game by introducing the
stopper centre-half...

Another remarkable character
was the rugged and rumbustious
Major Frank Buckley. Never
one to shrink publicity, the
irresponsible Major made Wolves
the most talked-about team in
the country with his gland
therapy injections.

He also made a fortune for his
club by transferring players he
found for next-to-nothing—at
an enormous profit.

Yes—you might love or loathe
men like Chapman or Buckley,
but you could never ignore
them.

There are, of course, people
who say that we still have our
soccer giants.

OLD RINGMASTER

They point to such men as
Stan Cullis, the "Emperor" of
Wolverhampton, Matt Busby,
Chief of Champions Manchester
United, Les McDowall, Master of
Main Road, home of the Cup-
holders, Jimmy Seed, the old
ringmaster of Charlton—and
others.

Sure, they are giants who know
their football alphabets back-
wards. They must to survive
the cut-throat jungle of con-
temporary soccer.

But, for a variety of reasons,
they don't have the colour, the
flamboyance or the brashness of
many of the old-timers.

For one thing under the
searching glare of shareholders,
spectators, and directors, the
manager is faced with more
problems than ever before. He
has to work to a merciless,
round-the-clock routine.

For another, the tell, although
harder and longer, is far less
spectacular.

Les McDowall, the man who
guided Manchester City to Wem-
bley, told me:—

"Nowadays there has to be
closer co-operation between the
manager and his staff. I have
five coaches here and I consult
them all the time," he said in his
soft Scots brogue.

"The pre-war manager was
far more desk-tied. The manager
of today has to be with his play-
ers at every opportunity."

I received ample confirmation
of McDowall's words when I
telephoned Matt Busby at Man-
chester United and I was told:—

"Sorry, you can't speak to
manager Busby. He's away—
training with the players."

Back to Cullis, the virile
master-mind who plotted the
downfall of the Hungarians and
Russians:—

"Flamboyance is all right," he
says, "up to a point. But first
you must have a successful
team."

THE VITAL POINT

And that's the vital point.
Football is a business—vast,
commercialised, and utterly
ruthless. You succeed... or you
sink.

But here again, to be success-
ful, the manager MUST have
the 100 per cent backing of his

directors. In all team matters he
must be the sole boss and
selector.

And that's where football chiefs
like Seed, Cullis, Busby—and
those like them—score.

We all know the clubs where
there is far too much inter-
ference by pompous directors,
where, no thanks to these piff-
ling little dictators, the manager
is the real slave.

Indeed, there are two basic
soccer commandments I would
comment to ALL directors if
they want results:—

1. Don't scorn showmanship.
It catches the spectators.
2. Leave the manager alone.
If this is done we may yet see
—with the help of the foot-
ballers bigger gates and better
football in the coming season.

But oh how I sometimes sigh
for the good old free-roaming
days!—London Express Service
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Englishman's School Venture In Brazil

By HAIG NICHOLSON

Rio de Janeiro, Aug. 6.

High in the mountains on the outskirts of this one-time summer capital of Brazil's former Royal Family, a young Englishman and his wife successfully run a preparatory school with pupils of so many nationalities that it is a veritable junior United Nations.

For 37-year-old Mr. Anthony Case-Morris, its founder and headmaster, only two careers were worthy of consideration. One was to be a doctor. The other to be a school-master.

Born at Poole Harbour, Dorsetshire, and a boyhood friend of Wing Commander Peter Townsend, he was twenty when World War II started.

Joined Army

"I was in the Royal Air Force within three days of the outbreak of hostilities," he explained. "I went to India and there transferred to the Army. I took an Indian medical degree and served as house surgeon in a Government University teaching hospital at Bombay."

When the war was over he returned to Britain. He took a teaching post, intending at the same time to continue his medical studies so that he could obtain British qualifications.

"But the difficulties were so great that I dropped all thoughts of a medical career and concentrated on teaching. My wife and I did not want to stay in England and we decided to go to Brazil."

That was in 1948. At the beginning of 1949 they started their own school at Ilapova, near Petropolis, with eight boarders.

Meeting a long-felt want for school was a great success and a move to the present site on a small plateau about 3,000 feet above sea-level, overlooked by towering mountains, was made in June 1951.

A large private house was the nucleus of the school and although some reconstruction was necessary and new buildings had to be rushed up, all was ready in a matter of weeks.

Today the 73 boys and five girls who are boarders at the Case-Morris Preparatory School at Co-cathina, live, work and play in idyllic surroundings.

The walls of the red-roofed buildings are painted white and the window frames are blue—a most pleasing effect. Blue and white are the school colours.

Multi-coloured bougainvillea and trees shade the swimming pool which can be flooded at night. Flower beds surround well-kept lawns. The air is superb.

A glance at the school register shows that the majority of the boys are British with fewer Americans. But there are a number of boys from Brazil, Chile, the Argentine and other Latin American countries. Others are from Canada, Germany and Norway while there is one each from China and Russia.

It is a big happy family in which competition in classroom and on the sports field thrives and increases.

Starting the school was an uphill fight. "I started with £100," Mr. Case-Morris confessed, "and we have had to overcome many financial and other difficulties. But with the help of parents and friends and a good deal of faith the venture has succeeded. I have always wanted to do a job that is concerned with people—something personal—and there is plenty of that in running a school. My wife, a trained nurse, shares my views."

University Stage

And what of the future? "My dream, and it might easily become a reality, is to build my own school," said Mr. Case-Morris. "It will incorporate all the lessons learned from experience in running a school in Brazil and the teaching curriculum might be extended to take pupils up to the university stage."—China Mail Special.

Invalid Watches
Home Robbed
Durban, Aug. 6.
While Miss E. M. Hughes, a 53-year-old invalid, sat helpless in her wheel chair, three men ransacked her house and made off with a paraffin lamp, gramophone records, £3 in cash and some small articles.
Miss Hughes, who lives alone, was sewing about 11 a.m. when the thieves entered the house through the back door.—China Mail Special.

Poles Flee To West



RUSSIA TO SOUND OCEANS

Moscow, Aug. 6.
Magnetic measurements of the depths of the Atlantic, Pacific and Indian oceans will be taken by Russia from a new non-magnetic ship, Tass reported.

The 600-ton sailing schooner Zaria, built specially of non-magnetic materials will do research in the Baltic Sea and will make a trial voyage in the Atlantic next year.

The work will be carried out by the Scientific-Research Institute of Terrestrial Magnetism, Ionosphere and Radio Waves Diffusion of the USSR Ministry of Communications. It will be part of Russia's research during the 1957-58 geophysical year, the agency added.—China Mail Special.

Hand-Made Gunsmiths Seek Arms Orders

By HARRY GELBER

Ferlach, Carinthia, Aug. 6.

Some of Europe's oldest gun-makers' shops, lying in a quiet sunny valley here, are hoping to receive Federal Government orders for arms for the new Austrian army to help them survive in a world of mass production.

For centuries they have produced fine guns by hand, and in recent decades have concentrated on producing beautifully engraved sporting guns for wealthy sportsmen all over the world. Now they are finding that national customs barriers and mass-production methods are threatening their industry.

About 3,000 to 3,500 sporting guns of all calibres, shapes and sizes leave Ferlach each year. They are produced by individual master craftsmen in their small home workshops in careful, detailed work. Each master employs sometimes as few as only two journeymen, and there are rarely more than 20 journeymen and apprentices in a firm.

SPECIAL ORDERS

Since 1884 the craftsmen have had an organisation which undertakes the machine production of stocks, barrels, and moving parts in a central workshop. These, when half-completed, are sold to the craftsmen who put their own finishing work and artistry on the product by hand, working almost invariably to special orders from marksmen in many countries.

Emperor Francis the First brought the gun-makers to Carinthia in the 16th century, when he imported some of the finest Flemish and Walloon metal workers and gunsmiths from the then Austrian-dominated Low Countries, now Belgium.

They settled in the southern Carinthian valleys where considerable iron deposits furnished a solid basis for an arms industry, and became one of the most important arms manufacturing centres of the Old Austrian Empire.

The Carinthian arms-makers reached the peak of their importance during the reign of Empress Maria Theresa in the 18th century when they produced muzzle-loaders and bayonets for the army, and again during the Napoleonic wars.

UNABLE TO COMPETE

From 1800 to 1815 Ferlach delivered 300,000 guns to the Austrian army quartermasters. With the beginning of the mass-production of breech-loading rifles guns in the middle of the 19th century, the craftsmen of Ferlach were forced to change to sporting guns as they were unable to compete with the mass-production methods of other arms centres.

In 1878 a State-supported technical school for arms production was set up. The school and the craftsmen still attract many foreign students and journeymen who wish to study under the Ferlach masters.

Some of the moving parts are made of duraluminium now, but the steel of the barrels and other parts is still high quality steel from the Austrian Kapfenberg works, and each gun must pass rigorous government inspection before it is passed to a customer.

The Ferlach gun-making industry employs about 300 to 400 people today, 70 of them in the central workshops delivering semi-finished parts and the others working with or under the 23 master craftsmen who dominate the industry.

KINK STRAIGHTENER

The central workshops, equipped with machinery costing about £20,000, lie by the side of a fast-running stream which still drives the machinery of one shop, although the others are driven by electricity.

In one corner a specialist with years of experience straightens the almost invisible kinks in completed barrels with a special vice or by hand after judging the straightness of the shadow cast in a barrel when it is looked through against the light.

These shops have been rebuilt since the war, partly with United States credits, and they now contain an assortment of German, Italian, Czech and Polish machinery, both pre and post-war.

According to Herr Alois Schaechel-Otschar, the chairman of the Gun-makers Association, British and American machines are too expensive. Ferlach's best customers, he is according to Herr Otschar, are West Germany, the United States, Sweden, France, in about that order.

Exports to Britain and British-dominated areas are "extremely difficult," due to competition from British gun-makers. And the West German customers, he says, are proving crippling.

Ferlach, he said, would be interested in the United States market, especially in contracting small gun-shops. The large firms there, he added, seemed only interested in lots of 5,000 to 10,000 guns, which the hand-production industry of Ferlach could not supply.

A SECRET

The gun-makers treat the identity of their customers as a business secret. But it is known that one over and under, shot-gun, calibre 12, was delivered to the Shah of Persia recently and a side-by-side shotgun, calibre 20, was made for Prince Nicholas of Romania in 1933.

One of the most famous products has recently come back to be overhauled. This is a sporting gun with seven barrels arranged in an exchangeable set of two, two and three, and ranging in calibre from five to 14 millimetres. This beautifully engraved piece with hunting scenes and animals engraved on the metal parts, was made for Mr. W. A. Curry of Melbourne, Australia, in 1928, and cost £1,100. —China Mail Special.

Fell Asleep At Work: Arrested

Athens, Aug. 6.

A too comfortable armchair in the office of a Piraeus shipping broker led to the arrest of a burglar.

The burglar broke into the shipping broker's office during the night, picked up 300 drachmas (£3 sterling) from a drawer and then sat in the armchair and fell asleep. He was found there by the charwoman in the morning and handed over to the police.

"I was dog tired and could not resist the armchair, it looked so comfortable; I was merely planning to have a nap and certainly not to sleep throughout the night," he told the police.—China Mail Special.

Mad Dog Bites Nine Children

Brisbane, Aug. 6.

Police at Rockhampton, North Queensland, shot a mad dog which bit nine school children and a teacher who went to their aid.

The dog first attacked a small boy, and then turned on the other children who were preparing for morning parade.

The teacher, Mr. D. Pringle, had several stitches put in a long gash on his right hand.—China Mail Special.

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

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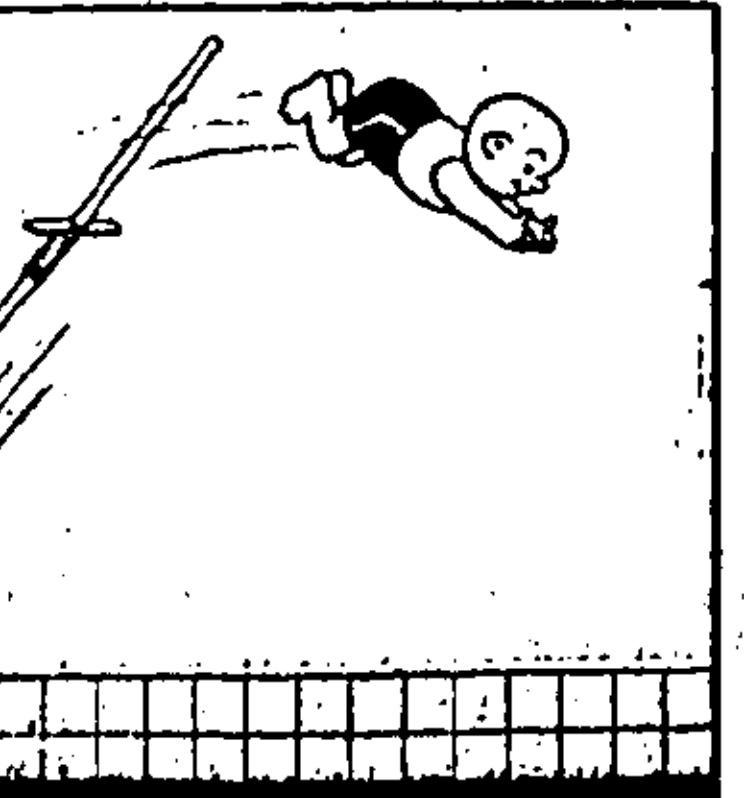
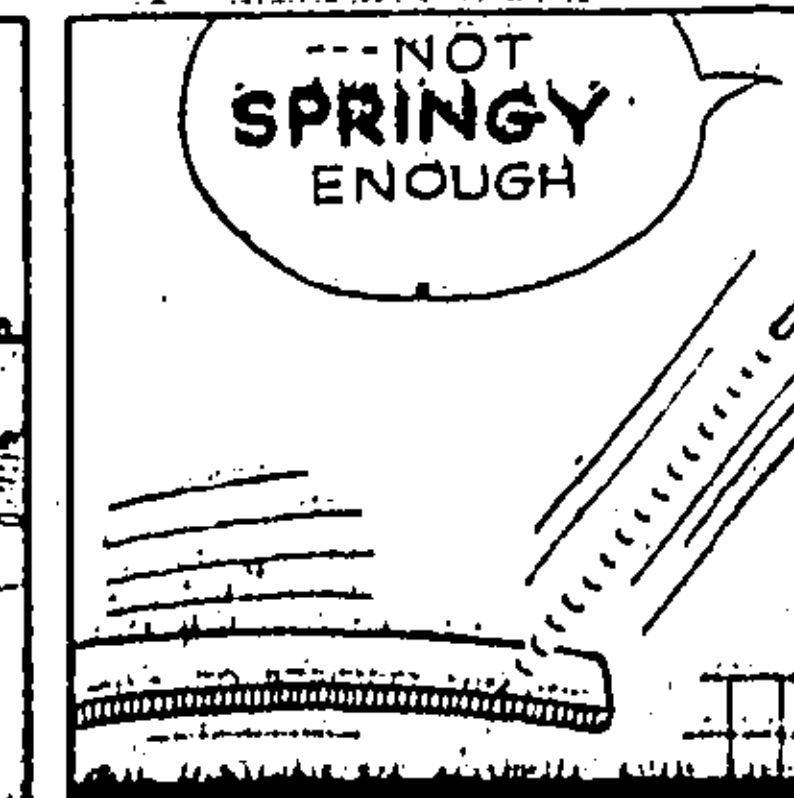
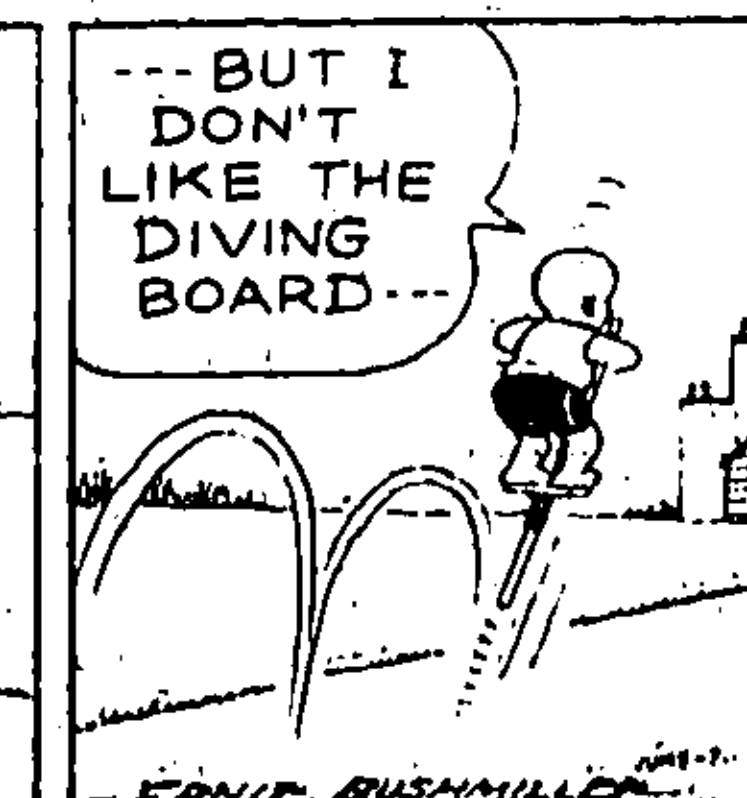
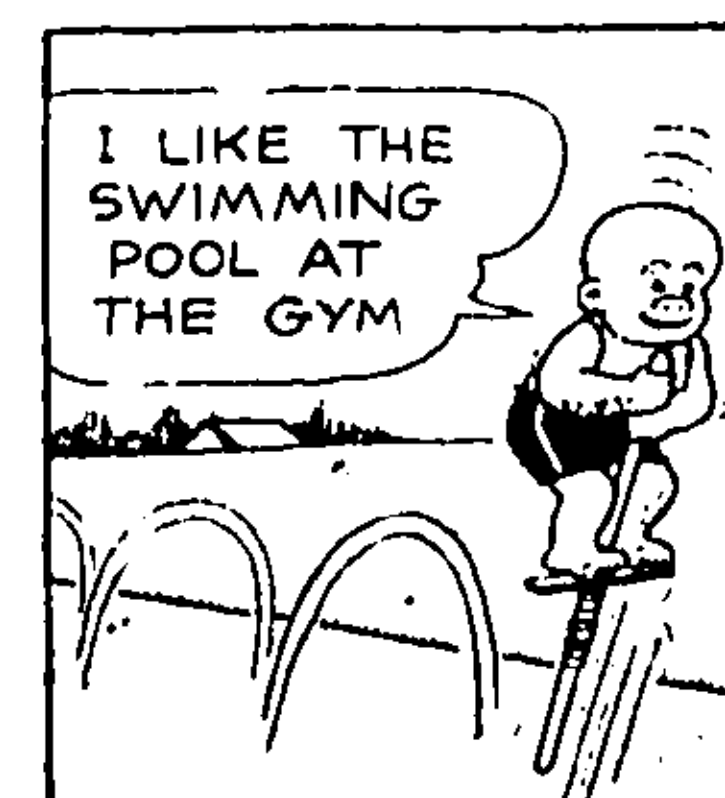
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